Haksar Committee on Lalit Kala Academy

547. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the principal recommenda- of ihe Haksar Committee on the working of the Lalit Kala Acadjmy 'ound acceptable by Government;

(b) the recommendations which Gov ernment is not in a position to accept; and

c) the follow up measures undertaken to implement the recommendations that 'have been accepted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCA-FION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE): (KUMARI SELLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recommendation No. 9.91 which loe$_s$ not favour the Lalit Kala Akademi's >rogramrne of purchasing works of art rom contemporary arn'sfs has not been ccepted by the Government.

(c) The Government has taken up the satter of implementation of the Haksar "ommittee's Recommendations with the afjt Kala Akademi which js under their :tive consideration.

Operation Black Board Scheme

548. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: il ihe Minister of HUMAN RE-)URCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased state:

{&) whether Government have modified : operation Blackboard Scheme;

b) if so the details of the changes de;

c) the achievement made under this ;me in different States during the 8th *a* period; and

(d) the steps taken too make the scheme more effective?

IHE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT, of EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE): (KUMARI SELLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From March, *994* the scheme of Operation Blackboard wa$_s$ modified to include upper primary schools; its scope was expanded to provide a third teacher in primary schools' where enrolment exceeds IOO. Central assistance will comprise of salary of the additional teacher during the 8th Plan and equipment of upper primary schools.

(c) 99.9 per cent of the targetted schools under the on-going OB scheme have been sanctioned teaching learning equipment, *96* per cent of the targetted additional teachers' posts have been sanctioned and the balance would be covered during the current year. The achievement made under the scheme in different States during the Sth plan is given ;$_n$ ihe enclosed Slatement *(See* below).

(d) Tn order to make the scheme more effective, the following sferK have heen taken;

— State Governments have been given flexibility *to* decide specific teaching learning materials suitable for each State and have been advised to decentralise purchases while ensuring quality control.

— Training of teachers is being specifically focussed upon.

— Tt has been made mandatory to recruit a'lcasi 50 per cent women teachers.

— States ■ e also being assisted, through cost sharing pattern, for school room cons-traction under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.